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USFWS biologist monitors the breathing of a sedated polar bear, one of 68 bears captured and released in 2013 to provide information on the status of the Chukchi Sea Populations.

Polar Bears in the Chukchi Sea Doing Well, Despite Sea Ice Loss

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Climate change is the greatest long-term threat to polar bears. On May 15, 2008, the U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service (Service) listed the bear as threatened throughout its range under the Endangered Species Act. If loss of sea ice habitat continues, most populations of this iconic species are expected to decline or disappear by the end of the 21st century. But the path to that point might not be straightforward. In fact, scientists expect a lot of variation in when, where, and how the effects of sea ice loss will appear. According to a new study, by some measures one of the Arctic's nineteen polar bear populations is doing quite well. [Read more](#)

[Study Abstract](#)
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As they hone their technique, Jenessa, Taurean, and Zach will be able to land a coveted salmon and bring it from creek to plate (these two silvers were kindly lent for this photo-op by a lucky angler).
Sydney West/Boys&GirlsClub

From Creek to Plate

August 19, 2013

As a conservation agency, the Service understands that it is imperative to create opportunities for people, especially youth, to connect with nature—and help remove barriers to participation. In fact, one of the Service's six national priorities is: connecting people with nature, ensuring the future of conservation. In Alaska, our Connecting People with Nature Working Group is dedicated to just that. In 2012-2013, this cross-program group distributed \$31,250 towards projects in Alaska that connected people to nature; the funds were made possible by the Department of the Interior's Youth in the Great Outdoors Initiative. One of eight projects, "Creek to Plate" targeted youth from Anchorage's Northeast Muldoon Boys and Girls Club, a hub for 700+ youngsters during non-school hours. [Read more](#)



Potential Recovery of Pigeon Guillemot in Prince William Sound Comments Requested on Draft Environmental Assessment

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